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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 154 & 158.

Part B for June 1942.

SUBJECT.

Residency Clerk enquiring if there is sufficient evidence for ordering detention of Mr. A.G. Smith.

May be retained
AB 17/11/54

Answered
12/6.

Serial No.	
	Confidential D.O. letter No.F.164 dated the 11th May from the Residency enquiring if there is sufficient evidence for ordering the detention of Mr. A.L.Simha.
	D.O. letter No. 3925 C.B. dated the 12th May 42 to the I.G.P. calling for a report.
	D.O. letter No.FC.114 dated the 18th May 42 from the I.G. of Police stating that though Mr.Simha's feelings are pro-Fascist, there is not evidence for his detention.
	Draft letter to the Residency is submitted.
	In appeal before noon
	No. 4039/C.S. Dated 22.5.42 To the Legal Adviser to the Resident- States that Mr A.L. Simha is Not in Bangalore & there is no sufficient evidence for his detention.

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

WD 04155—GPB—55,000—23-10-41

Re Mr A.L. Sinha

File No. of 194 /.

General and Revenue Secretariat
4084-4-34

Serial No.

Letter No. Fc 114 Dated 2-6-42
from the D.S. of Police
States that Mr Sinha left
Bangalore for Jamshedpur on 28.5.42
Submitted for perusal with Papers.
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4/6/42

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No. 12373

Law Secy
Finance Secy

Draft letter intimating the Residency
are submitted
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6/6/42

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GOVT. OF MYSORE

No. 427 S/CS Dated 9.6.42
to the Secy to the Resident

Secret.
D.O.No.F.164/1941.

Bangalore, 11th May 1942.

CB.12-41-154

My Dear Mehkri,

I am desired to enclose a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin and to ask whether sufficient evidence is available for Mr. Simha's detention. Will you kindly let me know whether he is still here or whether he has gone to Jamshedpur?

Endorsement from the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch C.I.D. Madras No.1042/M dated the 8th April 1942.	:
Endorsement from the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, Mysore, No F.C.114/41-42 dated the 12th April 1942.	:

Yours sincerely,

M.G. Mehkri Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

letter to the J.G.P. has been issued calling for particulars.

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Copy of a report dated 27.3.1942 of an officer of the Special Branch in Mysore, Bangalore..

Subject:- Mr. A.L. SIMHA'S VIEWS.

'It is understood from a confidential source (in touch with Mr. Simha) that Mr. A.L. Simha is definitely pro-Fascist and has recently given expression to the following views:-

(a) He approves of Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose's pro-Axis broadcasts from Berlin. He seems to think that Mr.Bose is helping India from Berlin, for, if he (Bose) were here, he would have been locked up and thus prevented from helping India to gain freedom. He thinks that Mr. Bose has done well in escaping from India.

(b) He does not like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as the latter's sympathies are with Russia and China and to a certain extent with the British.

(c) All nations have fought for their freedom, and Indians too, Mr. Simha feels should fight for their freedom. As a first step military training should be made compulsory for all students. The time to revolt will come after Indians have learnt to use arms, etc. In short, Mr. Simha seems to think that shooting, murdering - terrorism are the means for the achievement of freedom.

Mr. M. Govinda Reddi, an advocate of Bangalore City, recently approached Mr. Simha for suggestions regarding a Communist paper which the former intends to start. Mr.Simha is understood to have told Mr. Govinda Reddi that he (Simha) has nothing to do with Communism and that he is a Fascist, out and out.

Mr. Simha is likely to be employed at the Tata Iron and Steel Works, Jamshedpur.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, who is requested to report if the above is correct, and whether, if it is, he does not advocate the of A.L. Simha who is an Indo-German contact.

2. Copy forwarded for information to the Assistant to the D.I.G. of Police, Crime and Railways Bihar, Patna. It is reported that A.I. Simha is likely to be employed at the Tata Iron and Works, Jamshedpur. I advise against this.

Sd W.F.A. Hamilton

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch C.I.D.

No.1042/M
Madras
8th April 1942.

Office of the Commissioner of Police,
Civil & Military Station,
BANGALORE.

15th April 1942.

Ref: -663/S/42:

Copy of a report dated 9.4.42. by an Officer of the Special Branch C.I.D., in Mysore.

Movements of Mr. A.L. Simha.

Mr. A.L. Simha, who went to Jamshedpur to interview the authorities of the Steel Factory there, in connection with his job, returned yesterday.

Sir C.V. Raman is understood to have recommended Mr. A.L. Simha for a job in the Steel Factory at Jamshedpur It is very likely that he will get the job he has been recommended for.

Mr. Simha has been telling his friends that Japan is sure to attack and completely destroy the Steel Factory in view of its importance as one of the biggest Steel Factories in the British Empire. His impression is that Jamshedpur cannot stand an attack by the Japanese as the place is provided with only 16 anti-aircraft guns, which is very insignificant number, considering its importance.

Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch, Mysore,
Bangalore, April 12, 1942.

No.F.C.114/41-42

Copy forwarded, with compliments -

1. The Superintendent of Police,
   Special Branch C.I.D., Madras

2. The Commissioner of Police,
   C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

for information in continuation of this Office Reference of even number dated the 2nd. inst.

Sgd: U.K. Somappa.

(Supt. of Police,
S.B. in Mysore)

SECRET & IMMEDIATE.

3925/Cen.Ext.2 CS.12-41-185

12th May 2

My dear M. Shadri

I am desired to enclose a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, and to request you kindly to intimate if sufficient evidence is available for Mr. Simha's detention. I am also to enquire whether Mr. Simha is still here or whether he has gone to Jamshedpur.

Endorsement from the Supdt. of Police Special Branch, C.I.D. Madras No.1042/M dated the 8th April 1942.
Endorsement from the Supdt. of Police, Special Branch, Mysore, No.F.C.114/41-42 dated the 12th April 1942.

I am to request the favour of a very early reply.

Yours sincerely
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M. Seshadri Esq., M.A.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

SECRET

D. O. No. FC.114/41-42

Encl.1.

CB 12-41-156

M. SESHADRI, Esq., M.A.,
[redacted],
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE

May 18, 1942.

Dear Mr. Mehkri,

CB 21/5

With reference to your D.O. letter No. 3925/C.B. dated 12-5-42, I enclose for the information of Government a copy of a Note regarding Mr. A.L. SIMHA. Though Mr. Simha's political feelings are pro-Fascist and Anti-British, there does not appear to be sufficient evidence for his detention.

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Mr. Simha is still in Bangalore and is expected to leave for Jamshedpur during this month.

Yours Sincerely

M Seshadri

M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secy. to Government of Mysore.

MSM.

Mr. A.L. SIMHA.

Reference:- Government letter No.3925/C.B. dated 12-5-1942).

Mr. A.L. Simha aged about 40 years is the son of Mr. A. Gopalakrishna Ayyar and belongs to Madras. After graduating from the Christian College, Madras, he finished his post-graduate course in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He left for Germany in 1925 and was in Munich for about six years. After obtaining D.Sc. Degree he returned to India in 1931.

On his return to India, Mr. Simha took to journalism and represented the Indo-German News-Exchange from 1934 to 1938. His business in the Exchange was to disseminate German News in the Indian Newspapers; whenever anything Anti-British was published, such material was translated into German and passed on to the propaganda Ministry in Berlin direct.

In August 1935, he sailed for Europe again, whence he returned in January 1936. While in Germany he attended the big Nazi party celebrations at Nurumberg in September and generally was moving about in German Official circles.

The general impression in Indian Circles in Germany was that he was a Nazi propagandist. When he returned to India he was much run down in health and had run into heavy debt.

In November 1938, he was dismissed from the Indo-German News Exchange under orders of the German Consulate General, as his work was found to be unsatisfactory. From 1938 he has had a series of misfortunes which began with the death of his wife. It is said that he speaks in the bitterest terms possible against the British as they came in the way of his securing employment. He is at present helping Sir C.V.Raman in some German translation and is being paid for this help. He is in Bangalore for the last one and half year, and resides in Malleswaram. Mr. Ramachandriah, the Manager of the Office of the Commissioner of Police, Bangalore, is his brother-in-law

Though Mr. Simha's political feelings are pro-Fascist and Anti-British and professes belief in violence in getting freedom for India, he has not come to adverse notice in Bangalore. Except his casual visits to the Indian Institute of Science his contact in Bangalore City is almost nil. At present he is more keen on securing a job than on indulging in politics.

Mr. Simha's correspondence is being intercepted since November 1941 and two letters have been noticed either written by him or received by him. He never mixes with others except visiting the Indian Institute of Science and often dopes himself to forget his worries. He has three children and is worried about his own private affairs.

SECRET.

No. 4039/C6

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22nd May 2

Please refer to your Secret D.O. letter No.F.164 dated the 11th May 1942 regarding Mr. A.L. Simha. I enclose for your information copy of a note received from the Inspector General of Police from which it will be seen that though Mr. Simha's feelings are pro-Fascist and anti-British, there is not sufficient evidence for his detention.

Mr. Simha is still in Bangalore and is expected to leave for Jamshedpur during this month.

Yours [illegible]

Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

No 6039/CB D. 22/5/42

Secret.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your Secret D.O. letter No.F.164 dated the 11th May 42 regarding - Mr. A.L. Simha. I enclose for your information copy of a note received from the I.G. of Police from which it will be seen that though Mr. Simha's feelings are pro-Fascist and anti-British, there is not sufficient evidence for his detention.

Mr. Simha is still in Bangalore and ~~he~~ is expected to leave for Jamshedpur during this month.

Yours sincerely,

ars

Major A.E.H.Macann,
Secy. to the Resident.

SECRET

D. O. No. F.C. 114/41-42.

M. SESHADRI, Esq., M.A.,

[redacted]

Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

4274 C.O.

CD.12-41-157

BANGALORE

June 2, 1942.

Subject.- Mr. A.L. SIMHA

Dear Mr. Mehkri,

In continuation of my Secret D.O. letter of even number dated 18-5-42, I write to intimate that Mr. Simha left Bangalore for Jamshedpur on the 28th ultimo. It is understood that he has secured employment as librarian on a salary of Rs.250/- per mensem in the Iron & Steel Works, Jamshedpur.

Yours Sincerely

M Seshadri

M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secy. to Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 4278/CB 12-91-42 6th June 2

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My dear Major Macann,

On continuation of my secret D.O. letter No.4039/C.B. dated the 22nd May 1942, I am desired to state that it is reported that Mr. A.L. Simha left Bangalore for Jamshedpur on the 28th ultimo, and that he has secured employment as Librarian on a salary of Rs.250/- per mensem in the Iron & Steel Works, Jamshedpur.

Yours sincerely,
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Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Confidential.
D.O.No.F.164/1941.

Bangalore, 27th June 1942.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
2. JUL. 1942
NO 81

Mr. A.L. Simha.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE & REVENUE
29 JUNE 1942
No 8776

My Dear Mehkri,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your confidential demi-official letter No.4278/CB dated the 9th June 1942, I am desired to say that the Government of India have written to say that since they have no new evidence on record to put forward in justification of Dr. Simha's detention and the information they have about his activities up to 1939 would not strengthen the case sufficiently against him, they agree that he may be left at liberty for the present under such observation as is possible.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. Mehkri Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Copy to Supt of Police, Spl Branch, Madras.
Asst: to the D.I.G. of Police, Crime and Rys Bihar, Patna.